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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 11, January 14, 2016, LCDC Meeting**

### **I. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC or commission) will receive a briefing regarding anticipated legislative items in the upcoming 2016 legislative session, as well as staff efforts to identify potential 2017 legislative concepts for consideration by the commission in March, 2016.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (department) intends to bring a proposal forward at the next LCDC meeting, March 10-11, 2016, regarding proposed 2017 legislative concepts for the commission to consider and authorize for submittal to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the Governor's Office.

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### **II. BACKGROUND**

#### **A. 2016 Legislative Session**

The Oregon Legislature will convene for a 35-day session on February 1, 2016. This will mark the third regular short session since Oregon voters approved regular alternating short and long annual sessions in 2010. (The Legislature also held similar short sessions in 2008 and 2010.) Approximately 250-300 bills will be introduced during the short session: legislators may request two bills drafts each, most committees may request three each, and the Governor's office may request five bills. Legislative committees will begin discussing concepts for the short session during "Legislative Days" interim committee meetings January 13-15, 2016.

Legislators will consider bills in the 2016 session to address technical items as well as topics such as housing, climate change, minimum wage, and economic development. The department is participating in discussions with stakeholders from the recent Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) process rulemaking regarding legislation to allow cities that initiated, but did not complete, a UGB evaluation or amendment process prior to the January 1, 2016 effective date of the rules to

choose whether to proceed under the new rules or previous rules. This concept is the same as what the commission adopted in the recent amendments, and was initially requested in case the commission did not adopt such amendments. Cities are still interested in pursuing this legislation to obtain consistency between the administrative rules and the statutory structure.

**B. 2017 Legislative Concept Development**

State agency proposals for 2017 legislation will be due to DAS and the Governor's Office in early April 2016. Department staff has preliminarily identified legislative concepts to address: affordable housing, school siting, parking management, landowner notification, natural hazards information coordination and management, dwellings and lots in forest zones, high value farm soils definition updates, and local ordinance authority for natural resources protection. Those concepts are being reviewed and considered within the department by the Rural and Natural Resources Team, Urban Team, Policy Team, and Director's Office. In keeping with guidance from the Governor's Office, the department will conduct outreach with stakeholders and other state agencies as part of its process for developing concepts for 2017 legislation for consideration by the commission at its next meeting, March 10-11, 2016.

**III. CONCLUSION**

The department intends to report on results of the 2016 legislative session and bring proposed 2017 legislative concepts to the commission in March for consideration and authorization to submit concepts to DAS and the Governor's Office.